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SUBJECT: SUMMARY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN-INDONESIA

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED THE DRAFT SUMMARY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN FOR INDONESIA AND CONCURS WITH IT. WE SUGGEST JUST A FEW REVISIONS, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

2. IN SECTION I FOLLOWING THE SENTENCE READING "THERE IS NO BROAD FERVOR WITHIN INDONESIA FOR THE RELEASE OF THESE DETAINED SINCE 1965 ASIDE FROM INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST LAWYERS, SOME INTELLTUALS AND STUDENT LEADERS" WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU ADD A SENTENCE SAYING : "INDEED, THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE RELEASES FROM THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY WHO SUFFERED FROM COMMUNIST TERRORISM BEFORE THE 1965 COUP."

3. IN THE SENTENCE BEGINNING "PERIODIC MUSLIM EFFORTS FAVORING GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE AND PROSELYTIZATION ARE STRONGLY RESISTED..."WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DELETE "AND PROSELYTIZATION". THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES PROSELYTIZATION, IN FACT, WITH CHRISTIANITY AND OPPOSES ITS BEING ALLOWED.

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4. REGARDING SECTION III, PART C ON INTRODUCING THE CRS AND ICRC IN EAST TIMOR, WE SUGGEST A SLIGHT TONING DOWN OF WORDING SO AS TO AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION THAT CRS OPERATIONS ARE A CERTAINTY THERE. WHETHER OPERATING CONDITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO CRS CAN BE WORKED OUT IS NOT YET CLEAR. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE PARAGRAPH C: "C. FURTHER OPENING OF EAST TIMOR TO INTERNATIONAL

ACCESS FOR NEEDED RELIEF OPERATIONS (OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO EAST TIMOR IS PERMITTED BY THE GOI AT PRESENT ONLY THROUGH THE INDONESIAN RED CROSS). AN INVITATION TO THE CRS TO OPERATE PL 480 TITLE II PROGRAMS IN EAST TIMOR IS ANTICIPATED AFTER THE PRESENT GOVERNOR'S REMOVAL, WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED. AGREEMENT ON THE MODALITIES OF THE CRS PROGRAM MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE THE END OF 1978. INFORMAL AID DISCUSSIONS WITH CRS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY. THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR THAT PAST RED CROSS FRICTIONS IN EAST TIMOR INHIBIT ANY DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ICRC ACTIVITY THERE UNTIL THE CRS OR ANOTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCY IS IN OPERATION AND THE CURRENT ROUND OF ICRC INSPECTIONS IN THE REST OF INDONESIA IS COMPLETED. A REALISTIC TARGET DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION OF AN ICRC PROGRAM IN EAST TIMOR MIGHT BE MID-1979.

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